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Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the May 7, 2007 Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1, 11-14, 17, 19, 22, 23, and 27-32. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter the accompanying amendments to the claims and specification and consider the accompanying responsive remarks. A Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Brackets may also used for deleted text or characters when strikeouts are not sufficiently clear, e.g., such as striking out a hyphen.

Claims 1 and 22 have each been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 24 respectively. Claims 3-6, 20-21, and 25-26 have been amended to correct their dependency in view of the present amendments. Applicants submit that no new material has been added through any of the amendments. Claims 2, 24, and 29-32 have been canceled.